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Docket Number: 96-072R. *Applicant:* Penn State University, University Park, PA 16802. *Instrument:* Nano Indentor System, Model UMIS 2001. *Manufacturer:* CISRO, Australia. *Intended Use:* See notice at 61 FR 41773, August 12, 1996.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instrument was ordered (September 21, 1995). *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides a spherical indenter to permit making stress/strain measurements.

A domestic manufacturer of similar equipment advised on February 11, 1997 that (1) this capability is pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instrument was ordered.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a) (3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 97-011. *Applicant:* The University of Chicago, 5640 S. Ingleside Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637. *Instrument:* ICP Mass Spectrometer, Model ELEMENT. *Manufacturer:* Finnigan MAT, Germany. *Intended Use:*

The article is intended to be used for studies of a wide range of natural and synthetic materials including components in meteorites, lunar samples, rocks and minerals, and natural waters. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 6, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-012. *Applicant:* University of California, Santa Barbara, Marine Science Institute, Santa Barbara, CA 93106. *Instrument:* UV Microprobe Laser Ablation System. *Manufacturer:* VG Elemental, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used in conjunction with a mass spectrometer to analyze calcified materials (fish ear bones, molluscan shells) for their trace element and isotopic content, typically including elements such as Ba, Sr, Mn and Pb. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in a course designed to provide training and instruction for students in marine biology and geochemistry interested in applying LA-ICPMS techniques in their dissertation research. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 6, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-013. *Applicant:* Norfolk State University, 2401 Corprew Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23504. *Instrument:* Q-Band ESR Spectrometer with Accessories. *Manufacturer:* Bruker Instruments Inc., Germany. *Intended Use:* The article is intended to be used for investigations of the defect structures and dopant charge states in organic crystals including YAlO and YAG grown under various conditions with various active ions. The objective of these studies is to elucidate the mechanisms affecting the efficiencies of crystals for laser and scintillating applications. Future studies include the investigation of thermomechanically generated paramagnetic sites in polymers to determine the nature of the sites and studies of potential catalytic polymers. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes by undergraduate physics and chemistry majors and graduate students. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 6, 1997.

Docket Number: 97-015. *Applicant:* North Carolina State University, Campus Box 7212, 206 Alumni Building, Raleigh, NC 27695-7212. *Instrument:* Photoelectron Emission Microscope. *Manufacturer:* ELMITEC, Germany. *Intended Use:* The article is intended to be used for studies of epitaxial growth of wide bandgap semiconductors, in particular the III-nitrides and SiC and formation of quantum dots of Co-silicides. The objective of these investigations will be

to observe in real-time growth modes of wide bandgap semiconductors and surface reactions vital to understanding processing issues of electronic materials and in device fabrication. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 11, 1997.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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University of Pennsylvania; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 96-119. *Applicant:* University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6272. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2010F. *Manufacturer:* JEOL Ltd., Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 979, January 7, 1997.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as the instrument is intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instrument was ordered. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument is a conventional transmission electron microscope (CTEM) and is intended for research or scientific educational uses requiring a CTEM. We know of no CTEM, or any other instrument suited to these purposes, which was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order of the instrument.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and

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Docket Number: 96-122. **Applicant:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0304. **Instrument:** Diamond Anvil Cells, Model Diacell. **Manufacturer:** Diacell, United Kingdom. **Intended Use:** See notice at 62 FR 979, January 7, 1997.

Comments: None received. **Decision:** Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. **Reasons:** The foreign instrument provides: (1) high pressure capability to 750 kbar, (2) metal membrane drive for precise control and (3) hemispherically movable diamond cups for superior alignment. A domestic manufacturer of similar equipment advised on February 3, 1997 that (1) these capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.
Frank W. Creel,
Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030397A]

Advisory Panel on Atlantic Billfish Fisheries

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for nominations.

SUMMARY: NMFS solicits nominations for the Atlantic billfish advisory panel (AP). The purpose of the AP will be to assist NMFS in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the amendment of the billfish management plan. The AP will include representatives from all interests in Atlantic billfish fisheries.

DATES: Nominations must be submitted on or before April 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be submitted to Rebecca Lent, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NMFS, 1315 East-West

Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910. Nominations may be submitted by fax; 301-713-1917.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Kelly, 301-713-2347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act, Public Law 104-297, an Advisory Panel (AP) will be established to consult with NMFS in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the amendment of the Atlantic billfish fishery management plan.

The purpose of the AP is to assist NMFS in the development of an amendment to the billfish management plan. The first action will be development of definitions (i.e., bycatch, overfishing) and other requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Procedures and Guidelines

A. Procedures for Establishing the Advisory Panel.

Individuals with definable interests in the recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, environmental community, academia, governmental and quasi-governmental entities will be considered as members of the AP. Selection of AP members will not be limited to those that are nominated.

Nominations are invited from all individuals and constituent groups. The nomination should include:

1. The name of the applicant or nominee and a description of their interest in or connection with highly migratory species (HMS) and billfish in particular;
2. A statement of background and/or qualifications;
3. A written commitment that the applicant or nominee shall actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the AP.

B. Participants.

The AP shall consist of not less than seven (7) members who are knowledgeable about the pelagic fisheries for Atlantic HMS, particularly billfish fisheries. Nominations will be accepted to allow representation from recreational and commercial fishing interests, the conservation community, and the scientific community. NMFS does not believe that each potentially affected organization or individual must necessarily have its own representative, but each interest must be adequately represented. The intent is to have a

group that, as a whole, reflects an appropriate balance and mix of interests given the responsibilities of the AP. Criteria for membership include one or more of the following: a) Experience in the recreational fishing industry involved in catching billfish; b) experience in the commercial fishing industry involved in billfish bycatch; c) experience in connected industries (marinas, bait and tackle shops); d) experience in the scientific community working with HMS; e) former or current representative of a private, regional, state, national, or international organization representing marine fisheries interests dealing with billfish.

NMFS will provide the necessary administrative support, including technical assistance, for the AP. However, we will be unable to compensate participants with monetary support of any kind, because no funds were appropriated to support this activity in fiscal year 1997. Members will be expected to pay for travel costs related to the AP.

C. Tentative Schedule.

Meetings of the AP will be held twice or thrice yearly. The initial activities include consideration of definitions of overfishing, etc., to be developed for amendments to the Billfish Management Plan. Amendments and regulations will be submitted for Secretarial review by October 11, 1998.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock,
*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*
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Endangered Species; Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of an application for modification to research permit 900 (P770#66).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Coastal Zone and Estuarine Studies Division, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS in Seattle, WA (CZESD) has applied in due form for a modification to a permit authorizing takes of endangered and threatened species for scientific research purposes.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of these applications must be received on or before April 7, 1997.